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Description: ff. 316 - Denis Duveen, who acquired it from Maggs Bros., Ltd. (booksellers), London, 1938; Mellon MS 83, acquired with the Duveen collection. Gift of Paul and Mary Mellon, 1965. - Witten, Laurence C. and Pachella, Richard. *Alchemy and the Occult: A Catalogue of Books and Manuscripts from the Collection of Paul and Mary Mellon. Volume Three: Manuscripts*, Mellon MS 12.

Notes: -Manuscript on paper of a collection of pseudo-Lullian alchemical writings, translated from the French and Catalan originals, with a little additional matter. The codex underwent a transformation in the early 16th century when considerable new matter was added by another English hand on different, thinner paper; leaves have been inserted throughout the original codex.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

Direct Link: http://ds.lib.berkeley.edu/MellonMS12_47

Language: Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 15th

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Part 1:

Description: - paper - Original paper: 1) an extremely primitive-looking unicorn with very short horn and long tail somewhat like Briquet 9962 and 10176; 2) a less primitive unicorn rather similar to Briquet 9985; 3) bullshead with defined eyes and nostrils and with cross above, rather like Briquet 15054. Inserted leaves: a very elegant unicorn mark, more developed than Briquet 10104; and some leaves with a gothic "P" with cinquefoil above, rather like Briquet 8809. - 281 x 205 (205-210 x 130) mm.

Country: England

Region: England

Assigned Date: [ca. 1450; between 1500 and 1510]

Dated by scribe: No

Document: No

Cardinal point:

City:

Searchable Date Range: 1450 - 1510

Inscribed Date:

Number of Scribes:

Script: The original portion written by a single English gothic cursive hand with heavy standard abbreviation. The inserted leaves (first 4 ff. now extant, ff. 88-96, 163-169, 268-274, and 307-319 [of which f. 167 is a blank and f. 315 is a parchment leaf]) written in another gothic cursive habitually employing writing of different sizes.

Notes: Original text: Headings in red, rubricated. Some pages with diagrams or drawings. The illustrations include Lullian alphabets and tables in the form of wheels, an Arbor philosophorum, a group of flasks, and a good, large drawing of a furnace. Inserted leaves: Red headings, and capitals with slight decoration.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Author: Llull, Ramon 1232?-1316.

Title: A collection of alchemical texts attributed to Lull, with some additional matter.

Subjects: Llull, Ramon, 1232?-1316.; Alchemy--Early works to 1800.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.;

Language(s): Latin